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FOLLOWING REPEAT LUSAKA 3393 ACTION SECSTATE DATED NO 10:

QTE: S E C R E T LUSAKA 3393

NODIS CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PDEV RH US UK

SUBJ: CARVER AND CHAND'S REACTIONS TO THEIR RECENT TRIP

REF: LAGOS 13026, USUN 4473

1. REFTELS ARE ACCURATE IN THEIR DESCRIPTION OF CHAND'S AND TO A CERTAIN DEGREE CARVER'S MOOD BY THE END OF THE TRIP. CHAND HAD THOUGHT HE WAS COMING OUT TO NEGOTIATE A CEASEFIRE AND DISCUSS PARTICULARS WITH MILITARY COMMANDERS. HE FOUND INSTEAD THAT HE WAS ENGAGED IN A POLITICAL DISCUSSION FOR WHICH HE WAS LITTLE PREPARED. JONAH DID A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING CHAND FROM ANY MAJOR MISCUES (LIKE FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH HIS PROMISE TO VISIT OPERATIONAL AREAS AS A GUEST OF SITHOLE).

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CARVER, WEIR AND I DISCUSSED THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING CHAND RETURN TO NEW YORK THROUGH LONDON IN ORDER TO GET HIM HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION BEFORE HE SUBMITS A REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. IT HAD BEEN MY UNDERSTANDING WHEN THE GROUP LEFT HERE THAT THIS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT. IF IT WAS NOT, I BELIEVE URQUHART IS QUITE CORRECT THAT CHAND IS LIKELY TO GIVE AN IMPRESSION TO THOSE TO WHOM HE SPEAKS OF GREATER PESSIMISM

THAN IS WARRANTED.

2. LORD CARVER'S POSITION IS CONSIDERABLY MORE SOPHISTICATED. HE HAS A GOOD INTELLECTUAL GRASP OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS WE ARE FACING, THOUGH AT THE MOMENT HE, TOO, IS SOMEWHAT DISHEARTENED. HE RECOGNIZES INTELLECTUALLY THAT THE IMPRESSION OF MOVEMENT IS PERHAPS AS IMPORTANT AS ANY OF THE SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECTS THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING AND HE HAS ACCEPTED THE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH WE ARE OPERATING (INCLUDING "BASED ON THE LIBERATION ARMIES"). HOWEVER, AT HEART HE IS SKEPTICAL THAT WE CAN GET TO THE PLACE WHERE HE WILL BE INSTALLED OR THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS HE CAN CREATE AN ARMY WHICH WILL BE NON-POLITICAL ENOUGH TO BE LOYAL TO ANY ELECTED PRESIDENT. PRIVATELY HE BLAMES OWEN FOR SENDING HIM OFF ON A MISSION WHOSE TIME HAD NOT YET COME. OWEN'S IDEA THAT MILITARY COMMANDERS IN THE FIELD COULD GET TOGETHER WAS FINE BUT FIRST THERE HAD TO BE SOME HARD POLITICAL BARGAINING AND THAT HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED.

3. I BELIEVE CARVER IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE IF THIS IS THE DECISION WHICH IS TAKEN. WE DISCUSSED GOING TO MALTA EVEN IF THE RHODESIANS REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE. IN DAR AS WELL AS IN SALISBURY, GABORONE AND LUSAKA, WE MADE A MAJOR POINT OF STRESSING THE PROGRESS WE HAD MADE AND OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE. CARVER GOES ALONG WITH THIS FULLY.

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